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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of**

Katou et al.

**Serial No.:** 10/702,038

**Group Art Unit:** 3676

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**Examiner:** Christopher J. Boswell

**For:** LOCK APPARATUS

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 20, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Claims 1-26 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 4, 9-10, and 25-26 are amended to more clearly define the invention. Claims 1, 10, and 25-26 are independent.

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